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PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1921.

The accompanying table is reprinted, by permission, from the Statistical Bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for March, 1921. The figures are based on a strength of approximately 13,000,000 insured persons.

Although these rates apply to a more or less selected group, they are very good indices of comparative mortality conditions of the general population.

It is of interest to note that the death rate for February, 1921, is lower than that for the entire year 1920.

Death rates (annual basis) per 100,000 for principal causes, January and February, 1921, and year 1920.

[Industrial Department, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.]

Cause of death.	Death rate per 100,000 lives exposed.		
	Feb., 1921.	Jan., 1921.	Year 1920.
Total, all causes.....	936.2	919.8	938.4
Typhoid fever.....	4.0	3.7	6.5
Measles.....	4.3	3.0	8.3
Scarlet fever.....	10.1	10.2	5.9
Whooping cough.....	5.7	3.8	6.5
Diphtheria.....	27.3	28.4	21.6
Influenza.....	12.7	10.2	52.3
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	122.7	116.5	135.0
Cancer.....	65.7	66.6	68.3
Meningitis (all forms).....	5.2	5.3	5.1
Cerebral hemorrhage.....	62.2	64.1	60.1
Organic diseases of heart.....	126.8	127.7	114.6
Pneumonia (all forms).....	106.7	106.0	103.9
Other respiratory diseases.....	17.0	18.5	17.8
Diarrhea and enteritis.....	10.3	8.8	15.5
Bright's disease.....	74.8	68.9	69.4
Puerperal state.....	21.4	17.5	22.5
Suicides.....	7.4	7.7	6.0
Homicides.....	5.6	7.2	5.7
Other external causes (excluding suicides and homicides).....	46.0	50.7	58.1
Traumatism by automobile.....	6.8	7.8	10.9
All other causes.....	200.1	194.9	185.3

DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED APR. 2, 1921.

Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended Apr. 2, 1921, and corresponding week, 1920. (From the "Weekly Health Index," Apr. 5, 1921, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

	Week ended Apr. 2, 1921.	Corresponding week, 1920.
Policies in force.....	46, 412, 907	42, 553, 649
Number of death claims.....	9, 129	10, 777
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force.....	10.3	13.2